## **DIRECTORS**

## Jason & Irha Atherton

Jason Atherton started out working alongside great chefs including Pierre Koffmann, Marco Pierre White, Nico Ladenis and Ferran Adria at el Bulli, before joining the Gordon Ramsay Holdings in 2001 and launching 'Maze', first in London and then another five globally. His flagship restaurant 'Pollen Street Social' opened in April 2011 in Mayfair and was awarded a Michelin star within just six months of opening, alongside 4 AA Rosettes and no.3 in The Good Food Guide's best UK restaurants. Since then, Jason and his Cebuano wife and co-director Irha Atherton's The Social Company has grown into a globally renowned restaurant group, including Michelin-starred Social Eating House, Little Social, Berners Tavern - named 'the defining restaurant of the decade', Michelin-starred City Social, Social Wine & Tapas and Sosharu, a Japanese restaurant in Clerkenwell. Alongside the London restaurants, The Social Company has opened critically-acclaimed restaurants in Hong Kong, Shanghai, New York, Dubai and Sydney. Jason was recently awarded 'Best Restaurateur' in the GQ Food & Drink Awards 2016. The Pig & Palm is Jason and Irha's first venture in the Philippines.

